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Thomas Lincoln Family

Grandparents

Mordecai Lincoln, Jr.

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Lincoln's Forebears Lived In Jersey

Migrated To N. J. From Massachusetts In Early 1700s

A locality near Clarksburg, Monmouth County, on the old road from Allentown to the shore, holds much of the story yet to be told about President Lincoln's forebears in New Jersey.

For years this bit of countryside, which embraces an old dwelling and a time-honored burial ground, has been and still is a place of investigation among the historic minded eager to bring to light more information about the obscure Lincoln kin who lived there.

Lincoln himself said that he knew little of his ancestors except that they came from Pennsylvania and he thought they were Quakers.

Historians after the Civil War have neglected to mention his forebears who were born and lived in New Jersey.

Ancester Married N. J. Girl

The particular ancestor who brought New Jersey into President Lincoln's family history was

Ran Bog Iron Furnace In Upper Freehold Township

a one Mordecai Lincoln. It is true he was Massachusetts born and lived in Pennsylvania. But on the way he tarried long enough on Jersey soil in the vicinity of Clarksburg to marry and have a family. The girl he wedded was the daughter of Richard Salter, a member of the State Assembly and prominent in the county.

This Mordecai Lincoln was the great, great grandfather of President Lincoln. He was the son of Mordecai Lincoln whose father Samuel came from Hingham, England, to Hingham, Massachusetts.

Now Mordecai, Sr., as a blacksmith and later an ironmaster. He built an iron works in Massachusetts using bog iron. He was married twice. Two sons of the first union were Mordecai (already mentioned) and Abraham. Both migrated to New Jersey and settled in Upper Freehold Township as it was then constituted. Part of it is now Millstone and that is the location of the historic spots associated with Mordecai.

Both Blacksmiths

These two brothers, like their father, were blacksmiths, and no doubt knew how to operate a bog iron furnace or bloomary.

The exact date of their coming to Jersey is not known, but it was early in 1700 (about 1710 or 1713). Some authorities say that Richard Salter, (father-in-law of Mordecai) operated an iron works (bloomary type) at Imlaystown about 1716. At this time it is known that Mordecai and his wife (Hannah Salter) have a son, John, born in that year.

Mordecai was probably running the iron works for himself or in partnership.

Lincoln Forge

At Fillmore, near Cream Ridge, is a blacksmith shop called the Lincoln Forge. Perhaps this was erected and run by Abraham Lincoln.

About 1730, Mordecai removed to new fields of endeavor in the iron business. He settled in Berks County, Pa. Hannah having died about this time, he married again in Pennsylvania where he died, leaving his Jersey holdings of 600 acres to his children born of Hannah Salter, and his Pennsylvania property to the children of his second wife.

John, son of Mordecai, it is said, made a success of the business in Berks County, Pa., but removed later with his family to Rockingham County, Va. His son, Abraham, crossed over into Kentucky. He was killed by an Indian who was in turn killed by Abraham's son, Mordecai. A younger son was Thomas, father of the martyred President.

So Abraham Lincoln had two direct ancestors who were natives of New Jersey — Hannah Salter Lincoln and John Lincoln. The old house in which Hannah was born is still standing. John is believed to have been born in the same dwelling.

Old Burial Plot

Near it is the old burial ground now known as the Covel Hill Cemetery in which rest the remains of Deborah Lincoln, daughter of Mordecai and Hannah Salter Lincoln. An odd-shaped field stone marks the grave. Its crude inscription reads:

"Deborah Lincoln aged 3 yrs. 4 M., May 15, 1720."

Deborah was a collateral ancestor of President Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln statue by James Earle Fraser in Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center Oklahoma City

HENRY B. BASS

(Collector of Lincoln Poetry)

1901 COMANCHE TRAIL
ENID, OKLAHOMA 73701

August 25, 1972

Mr. Gerald McMurtry
910 West Rudisill Boulevard
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807

Dear Gerald:

I am enclosing a xeroxed copy of a post card message I received from Mrs. Robert Berrien of Creamridge, New Jersey. The Mordeci Lincoln home is one of the spots on your tour which we visited with some of our grandkids several years ago. We were so fortunate to meet Mrs. Berrien and she guided us to the home.

The owner, Mr. Schoenwisener, did not receive us very cordially. In fact, he showed no interest in letting us see anything about his place including the cemetery where Lincolns are buried. He had a magnificent flock of Rhode Island Reds. I insisted on taking some pictures of them. With that he relaxed and he and his wife invited us into the house for some wine and cake and then he guided us to the little cemetery. Apparently the house is now demolished. But I trust somebody is looking after preservation of the cemetery. Believe me, preserving these historical spots requires constant work.

Most sincerely,

Henry B. Bass

HBB:mw
Enclosure

"Thy task is done; the bonds are free;
We bear thee to an honored grave,
Whose proudest monument shall be
The broken fetters of the slave."

— William Cullen Bryant

"'Tis the wink of an eye,
'tis the draught of a breath,
From the blossom of health
to the paleness of death,
From the gilded saloon
to the bier and the shroud
O, why should the spirit
of mortal be proud."

— William Knox

"When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd,
And the great star early
dropp'd in the western sky in the night,
I mourned, and yet shall mourn
with ever-returning spring.
Ever-returning spring,
trinity sure to me you bring,
Lilacs blooming perennial
and dropping, star in the west,
And thoughts of him I love."

— Walt Whitman

"And when he fell, in whirlwind, he went down
As when a kingly cedar, green with boughs
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

— Edwin Markham

The weary form, that rested not
Save in a master's grave,
The care-worn face that none forgot
Turned to the kneeling slave.
We rest in peace where his sad eyes
Saw peril, strife and pain;
This was the awful sacrifice
And ours the priceless gain.

John W. Whittier

"His gaunt, gnarled hands,
his unkempt, bristling hair,
His garb uncouth, his bearing ill at ease,
His lack of all we prize as debonair,
Of power or will to shine, or art to please; . . ."

— Tom Taylor

"Tom Lincoln lies right over there
In that log cabin bleak and bare —
They say they have a little babe
(I understand they've named him Abe).
Yes, Sally said just t'other day,
That nothin' happens down this way!"

— Lulu Thompson

"Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells!
But I, with mournful tread,
Walk the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead."

— Walt Whitman

"For thou art Freedom's now, and Fame's;
One of the few, the immortal names,
That were not born to die."

— Fitz-Green Halleck

SKYLINE DRIVE - VIRGINIA

Lincoln said "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my Sainted Mother". Lincoln's Mother was born at Saddle Mountain near U. S. 50 in beautiful West Virginia.

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Mordechi Lincolns home (when we first met) has been torn down for Forest Free-SPACE Just got A bank (Automobile) from Enid. The Schoenwise-ners have moved to FLORIDA (People who lived in M Lincoln's Homestead) Ad. BORRIEN

GRAFTON SOUVENIR, GRAFTON, W. VA.

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Mr. Henry B. Bass
Bass Building
Enid,
OKLAHOMA

Lincoln Lineage

August 30, 1972

Mr. Henry B. Bass
1901 Comanche Trail
Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Dear Henry:

I was pleased to have your letter of August 25th relative to the Mordecai Lincoln home. I am sorry to learn that the house has been razed. Like you, I hope someone will look after the cemetery.

We will place your letter in our files so that we can inform interested people about the destruction of the historic home. What a pity!

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

RGM:hk

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1697. Richard Saltar, of Freehold, was spoken of as, "King's Attorney."

1700. Some time prior to this date, he was in possession of the Baker Tract, at Upper Freehold, purchased from George Willocks, upon which he built the mills, at Imlaystown. This land passed to his son, Richard Salter, Jr., who sold the mill tract, in 1727, to Peter Salter, Jr. Ellis' History of Monmouth County, p. 617.

1701, Mch. 25. He was a witness to a commission issued in London hy William Dockwra to Charles Goodman, of Perth Amboy, to be Deputy Secretary and Register, by which we can infer that he kept up an intimate relation with the old country.

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1701, Mch. 26. Being in London, he must have conferred with those interested in New Jersey, for Thos Cooper, of London, merchant, gave him a power of attorney to collect debts, wherein he is mentioned as of Freehold, planter.

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1702. "Letters of Attorney" were given to Richard Saltar, of Freehold, by Caleb Plumstead and William Dockwra.

1704. He was a Member of the Second Assembly.

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State Historian's Report, Colonial Series, New York, Vol. II, p. 482.

1704, Feb. 28. He was a Justice and Judge of Monmouth County, and was alluded to as such, Dec. 11, 1704, 1705, 1707, 1722, 1723, 1724 and 1728.
Minutes of Assembly and Freehold Court Records.

1706–7. Richard and Sarah Saltar, of Frechold, sold land to Jacob Van Dorn. Both signed.

1708. Richard Saltar and wife, Sarah, conveyed lands.

1716, July 27. Richard Saltar, Gentleman, and wife Sarah, of Freehold, made two conveyances of land, at Freehold, to Richard Jewel. Both Saltar and his wife signed. Thomas Saltar was a witness.

1709–10, "ninth day of June," 8th of Queen Anne. "Capt Richard Salter, of the townfhip of Freehold, county of Monmouth, Esq., to Gbertie Romain, Widdow of Stophel Romine, Deceased, of the townfhip of Freehold, conveyed land."

For £450, said Salter sold "two hundred acres of land, more or less, in the County of Monmouth. Beginning at a ftake ftanding in the line Between Sd Salter's & Thomas Boel's land . . . . . and is one of the Corners of John Vankirk's land . . . . . to another branch of hop hrook to a maple tree marked, Standing hy ye old Dam Formerly made to flow the Swamp . . . . . to the Mouth of a fmall Run which comes out of Elexander Nipper's land . . . . . as Johanus courten Vanvorus' Line Runs till it comes to Alexander Nipper's land . . . . . till it comes within fifteen chaines of the Jntended Highway Spoken of in Said Salter's Deed . . . . . from Clement Plumsted, ... to another ftake Standing Jn Thomas Bole's line . . . . . along Thomas Boel's line." Bounded "North Eaft by Thomas Boel's Land & South East & South hy John Vankirk & Johanus Corten Vanvorus; weft & North weft by Alexander Nipper and fd Salter's Land, Intended for ye ufe of y^e *Prisbyterion Miniefi*——," under the yearly *Preife* or Quitrent of three pence, to be paid to the Lords Proprietors.

Witnesses: Wm Lawrence, Richard Salter
Obadiah Bowne, Sarah Saltar
John O Keson

Acknowledged by W^m: Lawrence and Jobn Okefon, "two of ye fubfcribing evidences," on oath, before Jobn Reid, 2^d of June, 1714.

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Richard Saltar was a man of marked ability, of high social standing, and a lawyer by education. Through his talents, and the influence he may bave acquired by his marriage, be attained, and was able to bold, a leading position in the community. He was in sympathy with tbe Middletown Patentees and their successors, and took a spirited part in opposing the encroachments of the Proprietary Party. As counsel for the people, in which capacity be seems to bave been employed, he championed their rights both within and without the halls of the Assembly, thougb he needed not the stimulus of identity of interests to defend so just a cause. While acting in his professional capacity, he, and Capt. John Bowne, undertook to raise money to defend the Patentee rigbts before Lord Cornbury, then Governor of the Province. This provoked the ill will of the Proprietors, who charged them with committing felony, crime, etc. Capt. Bowne, who was a Member of the House of Representatives, was brought up for discipline, but proving obdurate, was expelled. Lord Cornbury was also notified of their displeasure in a lengthy phillipic, which provoked a rejoinder, in which be took occasion to comment upon the illegality of this removal, and to deny the accusation that the money, thus raised, had heen conveyed to him for the purpose of dissolving the Assembly, that the people might escape payment of the Proprietors' quit-rents. The impeachments were subsequently proven to be false, and resulted merely from the intense party feeling then existing. Saltar and Bowne represented the people, and were sustained by them in all their acts, despite the criminations of the Proprietary Party.

To estimate the character and services of Richard Saltar, at this distant date, is a difficult matter. We, who are in sympathy with the people, see him as a man, great in his day, in that locality—as one wbo, by his deed as well as word, served to mould the events of his time, and as one of those wbo bave stood out, in all ages, as fearless and resolute advocates of individual rigbts. Viewed from the standpoint of the Proprietary Party, he appears as, "a factious and seditious person," given to false representation and desirous of evading, as well as assisting others to evade, their just obligations. According to our own individual convictions will these opinions prevail.

Tbe dates of Richard Saltar's birth and decease are not known, but the latter occurred subsequently to 1728, for, at this date, be was still an acting Judge in his County.

He married Sarah, daughter of Capt. John Bowne, by Lydia Holmes, his wife. She was born, at Gravesend, L. I., Nov. 27, 1669, and was living as late as 1714, the date of ber brother, John Bowne's will, in which she and several of her children, are mentioned as devisees.

This brother, John Bowne, between the date of his will, in 1714, and the date of its probate, in 1716, recognizing his approaching end, made a deed of trust, which largely distributed his estate, and mentioned many of his kinspeople, among others, the Salters:

1715/16, Feb. 5. John Bowne, of Middletown, merchant, gave a bond of £5260, at eight shillings the ounce, to William Lawrence, Sr., and Richard Hartshorne, in trust, for the use of said John Bowne's wife, Frances; and John Bowne, Anne Bowne and Lydia Bowne, son and daughters of Obadiah Bowne; and Richard Saltar, William Saltar, Ebenezer Saltar, James Saltar, Deborah Saltar, and Oliver Saltar, children of Capt.

Richard Saltar; and Margaret Hartshorne, Richard Hartshorne and William Hartshorne, children of William Hartshorne; and Thomas Taylor, James Bowne and Samuel Willet, their executors, administrators and assigns.

To Frances Bowne there was to be paid, yearly, £45, during her life, at the dwelling of said Richard Hartshorne or William Lawrence.

To John Bowne, son of Obadiah Bowne, there was to be paid £400, when he reached the age of twenty-one years.

To Anne and Lydia Bowne there was to be paid £200, each, when they reached the age of eighteen years.

To Richard Saltar, William Saltar, Ebenezer Saltar, Deborah Saltar, James Saltar and Oliver Saltar, there was to be paid £125, each, when the boys reached the age of twenty-one years, and the girl the age of eighteen years.

To Richard Hartshorne, Margaret Hartshorne and William Hartshorne, there was to be paid £150, each, when the boys reached the age of twenty-one years, and the girl the age of eighteen years.

Thomas Taylor, James Bowne and Samuel Willet were to be discharged from all debts.

Witnesses. Joseph Dennis and John Saltar

Freehold Deeds, Lib. G., p. 101.

1713. Sarah Saltar was a member of the Baptist Church, of Middletown.

Issue

2 Thomas Saltar
3 John Saltar
4 Hannah Saltar
5 Richard Saltar
6 William Saltar
7 Ebenezer Saltar
8 James Saltar
9 Deborah Saltar
10 Oliver Saltar

Still others appear, in the Freehold Records, who must be the issue of Richard Saltar, or his children:

1713. First Tuesday in June. Nicholas Salter, defendant, in a suit brought by John Mills to recover a debt of £12. Plaintiff ordered to give bail to pay costs within thirty days, or he nonsuited, defendant to plead thirty days before next Court of Judgment.

Record of Common Pleas, Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J.

In 1715, Nicholas Salter was still living in Freehold, and owned land adjoining John Salter.

1710. February. Samuel Saltar was a party to a suit in Monmouth County, N. J.

1720, Aug. 5. Margaret Salter, a supposed grand-daughter of Richard Saltar, 1, was born.

Mrs. Levi Holbrook, of New York City, a lady conspicuous in genealogical and historical circles, descends from Margaret Salter, born 1720; died June 16, 1799; married William Dey, or Dye, Sr., of Monmouth County, N. J., born July 6, 1718; died Sept. 6, 1784. They lived on a fine farm near Hightstown, N. J.

There is some reason to believe that Margaret Salter, born 1720, was a Crawford, rather than a Salter.

1725 James Grover, Elizabeth Forman and Mary Saltar, being severally called on their recognizances, appeared to give evidence to the jury.

1726. William Everingham vs Mary Saltar. Suit for debt £40.

1728. Samuel Saltar brought before the Court for breaking jail.

Freehold Court Records.

1727. Peter Saltar, Jr., bought of Richard Saltar, Jr., land lying at Upper Freehold.

Ellis' History of Monmouth County, p. 617.

1733, June 4. Peter Salter and Rebecca Mount were married at Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

1743. Sarah Salter married Nathan Allen, of Monmouth County, N. J.

1748. ..... Salter married Ann Rockhill, widow, shortly after 1748.

From Mr. Howard Deacon, of Philadelphia, Pa.

2 THOMAS SALTAR, son of Richard Saltar, 1, died in early manhood, during the lifetime of his father. He was of age in, or before, 1716, as appears by the will of his uncle, John Bowne. He dwelt at Freehold, and I have found but very few allusions to him.

1716–17, Mch. 5. Thomas Saltar, yeoman, of Freehold, bought of Thomas Parker, Sr., of Freehold, merchant, two hundred acres, more or less, lying at Crosswicks; bounded by Richard Borden, Philip Smith, Doctor's Creek, "the Mill Dam he bought from William Purdy," etc., including all buildings, orchards, fields, etc., and appurtenances belonging to the mill and the farm. The conveyance was signed by Thomas Parker and Mary Parker, his wife, by their marks, and witnessed by John Saltar, *Jonothon* Rohins and George Parker. The deed was recorded in 1739, when *Jonothon* Rohins acknowledged witnessing the same, before John Camphell, Esq., one of the Judges for Monmouth County.

1719, August. He was a Petit Juryman.

1722, June 13. Will of Thomas Saltar; proved Apr. 25, 1723, mentioned:

Wife, Rachel
Father, Richard Saltar; his executor.
Daughter, Hannah Saltar
Daughter, Deborah Saltar
Son, Richard Saltar

Trenton Wills, Lib. II, p. 248.

1725. Richard Saltar, Esq., executor of Thomas Saltar, was sued by Cornelius Van Horne, for a debt of £60. Freehold Court Records.

1731, June 29. Thomas Saltar, of Freehold, and Rachel, his wife, for £50, sold lands, at Freehold, to James Ashton, Esq., and Elisha Lawrence, Gent., both of Freehold. Rachel, the wife, made her mark. Witnesses: John Saltar, Richard Borden, Thomas Smith.

Issue

11 Hannah Saltar
12 Deborah Saltar
13 Richard Saltar
} not traced.

3 JOHN SALTAR, son of Richard Saltar, 1, was born Oct. 22, 1694, as deduced from his tombstone, standing in the Yellow Meeting House graveyard, at Cream Ridge, Monmouth County, N. J., which states:

John Saltar died, Aug. 29, 1723, aged 28 years, 10 months, and 7 days.

In 1714, he is alluded to as, a minor, in the will of his uncle, John Bowne, but in 1716, when that instrument was probated, he had passed his minority, and received property with other devisees.

1716–1717. He was a witness to a conveyance from Thomas Parker to his brother, Thomas Saltar, and was probably then residing at Freehold, where he dwelt to the date of his decease.

1719, November. He was a Petit Juryman.

1721. John Saltar was frequently sued by one, Gomez, and others, and was "non est," in a number of the suits.

1723. He was spoken of as Mr. John Saltar. Freehold Court Records.

1723, May 4. Will of John Saltar, of Freehold; proved Oct. 1, 1723, mentioned:

Daughter, Lucy Saltar
Daughter, Elizabeth Saltar
Daughter, Sarah Saltar
Daughter, Lydia Saltar
} all under the age of eighteen years.

Wife, Elizabeth; appointed sole executrix and guardian of his children.

Trenton Wills, Lib. II, p. 254.

His personal estate amounted to £722–8–0, and included nine negroes valued at £300–15–0.

John Saltar married Elizabeth, daughter of Elisha Lawrence. She died in 1741.

1728, Oct. 8. Will of Elizabeth Saltar, of Freehold, widow, and sick.

She devised lands situated in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and orders others to be sold, "near the house that I dwell in, at the Iron Works," excepting fifty acres, "near the end of my husband's plantation"; one hundred acres of land "that my father gave me," and mentioned:

Daughter, Sarah
Daughter, Lucy
Daughter, Lidey
Daughter, Elizabeth
Daughter, Mary
} all under age and unmarried.

Executors: friends and brothers, Elisha Lawrence, John Lawrence, John Emley and Richard Salter, Jr.
Witnesses: Robert Lawrence, Ebezar [Ebenezer] Saltar and James Tapscott.

Elizabeth Saltar left an estate that was inventoried at £722–8–0.

Issue

14 Lucy Saltar
15 Elizabeth Saltar
16 Sarah Saltar
17 Lydia Saltar
18 Mary Saltar

4 HANNAH SALTAR, daughter of Richard Saltar, 1, married Mordecai Lincoln, who was born April 24, 1686.

*Mordecai Lincoln, the son of Mordecai Lincoln, a blacksmith, accompanied or followed by his brother, Ahraham, both young men, left Scituate, Mass., early in 1700, where they had spent twenty years, more or less, of their youth, and traveled to New Jersey. Here they located in Monmouth County, and after a residence of some years, moved on to Pennsylvania, then an inviting field for the venturesome settler, where Mordecai died at Amity, Philadelphia County, in 1736, and Ahraham, at Springfield, Chester County, Pa., in 1745.

*Samuel Lincoln emigrated from England to Massachusetts, where he resided at Hingham. He married, about 1648–50, Martha . . by whom he had born, between 1650 and 1673, the following

Issue

Samuel Lincoln
Daniel Lincoln
Mordecai Lincoln
Mordecai Lincoln, 2nd.
Thomas Lincoln
Thomas Lincoln, 2nd.
Mary Lincoln
Sarah Lincoln
Sarah Lincoln, 2nd.

(*Footnote continued on page 185.*)

MORDECAI LINCOLN'S marriage to HANNAH SALTAR, and perhaps her death also, occurred before the year 1714, as appears from the will of her uncle, John Bowne, the settlement of whose estate was only accomplished with considerable friction between his legatees. Obadiah Bowne, one of his administrators, brought numerous actions against the said legatees, among which were suits against Mordecai Lincoln in 1716, 1717, 1719 and 1720.

1721, Nov. 30. Mordecai Lincoln reversed this legal status, and became plaintiff in a suit against John Lining, for a debt of £11–9–0. Defendant was non est.

1720, Feb. 2. Richard Saltar, of Freehold, conveyed to Mordecai Lincon, of the same place, for the sum of £152:

"all those Tracts of Land and Meadow on Machaponix River & gravell Brook in the County of Middlesex; the first Tract Is bounded on said Machaponix River on ye South by ye Pine Brook East hy the Land now or late of Willm Estill on ye West, and by Land unsurveyed on ye North. Also all that Tract Bounded Westerly hy Gravill Brook Southerly by the Land of William Estill from ye mouth of Long Medow Run Easterly & Northerly hy land unsurveyed. Also all ye Long Medow upon ye s^d Long Meadow Run Bounded West hy ye Last mentioned Tract of land and all round ye other side hy upland unsurveyed. In all Containing four hundred acres more or less," etc., the title to which Saltar had, by deed of sale, dated Nov. 7, 1717, from John Reid, Esq. Witnesses: Tbomas Cox and R. Saltar, Junr.

1727, Apr. 5. Richard Saltar, Junr, appeared before John Anderson, Esq., and acknowledged that he was a subscribing witness to the above instrument.

At what date he removed to Pennsylvania, I have no knowledge, but he was a resident of Chester County, Pa., in 1726, and earlier, probably by some years.

1735, Feb. 22. Mordecai Lincon made his will; proved June 7, 1736, in which he mentioned:

Wife, Mary
Son, Mordecai Lincon
Son, Thomas Lincon
Daughter, Hannah Lincon
Daughter, Mary Lincon
Son, John Lincon
Daughter, Ann Lincon
Daugbter, Sarah Lincon
A prospective child, which proved to be a boy, and was named Ahraham.

Rebecca Lincoln
Martha Lincoln

Mordecai Lincoln, son of Samuel Lincoln, 1, married . . . . .

Issue

Mordecai Lincoln, born Apr. 24, 1686.
Abraham Lincoln, born [illegible] 13, 1689.

These two sons were the pioneers of this family in Monmouth County, where they were in evidence as early as 1714, but they had, probably, arrived there some years before this date, and left there in 1721–22, to take up a residence in Pennsylvania.

Mordecai Lincoln, son of Mordecai Lincoln, was born Apr. 24, 1686. He married, as set forth above, prior to 1714, Hannah, daughter of Richard Saltar, who died, according to the late William H. Egle, Esq., the Pennsylvania Historian, "Feb. 4, 1717, in East Jersey."

Abraham Lincoln, son of Mordecai Lincoln, was born Jan. 13, 1689. He settled in Monmouth County, N. J., where, Apr. 3, 1730, calling himself blacksmith, of that place, he sold land to Thomas Williams, which he had received from Safety Borden, by deed dated Feb. 11, 1722. Freehold Records. He made his will at Springfield, Chester County, Pa., in 1745, which mentioned:

Issue

John Lincoln
Jacob Lincoln
Isaac Lincoln
Mordecai Lincoln, "being absent from the Province," and perhaps he who is referred to as Mordecai Lincoln, of Taunton, mentioned in Dean's History of Scituate.
Rebecca Lincoln
Sarah Lincoln
} who received a plantation in Springfield and two houses in Philadelphia.

1770, June 9. Abraham Lincoln married (no name). Records of Augusta Co., Va., beginning 1749.

William F. Reed, Esq., of 915 F. Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., has a full account of William Tallman's descendants.

In 1883, Samuel Shackford, of Winnetka, Ill., addressed me, concerning the Salter genealogy, stating he was a descendant of Samuel Lincoln, and had been asked, as he had made researches into the Lincoln genealogy, by Isaac N. Arnold, of Chicago, who was rewriting the Life of Abraham Lincoln, to contribute the chapter on Abraham Lincoln's ancestry.

Contributions to Lincoln genealogy in the way of memoranda, appear in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, for April and July, 1870, and in Old Times in Monmouth County, N. J.

Mordecai's widow, Mary, it is said by the Pennsylvania Lincolns, remarried.

The above will of Mordecai Lincon, establishes the fact that he had a later wife than Hannah Saltar, by the name of Mary, and there is nothing to disprove the fact, that I know of, that he might have had a still earlier wife than Hannah Saltar, except his youth.

There is no positive knowledge of the descent of the children from these respective wives and there is some clash in the traditions given concerning them. And I feel quite sure that the children are not enumerated in the will in the order of their birth.

However, that Mordecai Lincon's eldest son and heir was John Lincon, there can be no douht:

1748, Nov. 8. John Lincon, of the Township of Carnarvin, in the County of Lancaster and Province of "Penselvania," weaver, the son and heir of Mordecai Lincon, deceased, sold to William Dye, of the County of Middlesex, yeoman, for the sum of £200, that tract of land lying in the County of Middlesex:

"Beginning where the land formerly Walter Benthals crosses Cranbury brook from thence along said Benthals land towards the Post Road to the Land formerly Robert Burnets and from thence along said Burnets line," etc., containing three hundred acres.

1750, May 24. John Lincon, party to the above written instrument, acknowledged the execution of the same, before Andrew Johnston, one of His Majestie's Council for the Province of New Jersey.

Charles Carleton Coffin, in his Life of Abraham Lincoln, says: "John, son of Mordecai, was born, in Massachusetts, by a first wife." Also that Ann and Hannah Lincoln were daughters by a second wife. On the other hand, David J. Lincoln, of Birdsboro, deceased, stated that John Lincoln was a full brother to Ann Lincoln, and she a daughter of Mordecai Lincoln by Hannah Saltar. Here is direct contradiction, and if the first authority cited is correct then Mordecai Lincoln had three wives, the second of whom was Hannah Saltar.

The descent of John Lincon and the other children may be conjectured from the disposal of the lands of Mordecai Lincon:

To John, he conveyed the tract of three hundred acres that he, John, sold, in 1748, to William Dye.

To two of his daughters, he deeded one hundred acres, and to the other two daughters, one hundred acres, which he had bought, in 1726, when of Chester County, Pa., from Richard Saltar.

The land he owned in Pennsylvania was bequeathed to his sons, Thomas, Mordecai and Abraham.

It would seem from this partition of his estate that John Lincon, and his four sisters, inheriting all the New Jersey lands, were children by the wife, Hannah Saltar, while the other three children were by the wife Mary.

Issue

19 John Lincoln

20 Hannah Lincoln; married Joseph Millard.

21 Mary Lincoln; married, first, Mr. Morris; second, Francis Yarnell, Jr. In 1760 Francis Yarnell, his wife, Mary, and brother-in-law, Joseph Millard, were living in Pennsylvania.

22 Ann Lincoln, born Mch. 8, 1725; married, in Pennsylvania, William Tallman, son of Benjamin and Patience (Durfee) Tallman, son of Peter Tallman, of Rhode Island. He was born, in Rhode Island, Mch. 25, 1720, and died, in Virginia, Feb. 13, 1791. Issue: Benjamin Tallman, born Jan. 9, 1745; married Dinah Boone, cousin of Daniel Boone, and daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Boone. She was born May 10, 1749. Their descendant, Miss M. J. Roe, 6901 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Ill., has studied the Lincoln and Tallman families.

23 Sarah Lincoln

24 Mordecai Lincoln, born 1730.

25 Thomas Lincoln

26 Abraham Lincoln, born 1735–6, died 1806.

26* "Dehora Lincon"; died, May 3, 1720, aged 3 years and 6 months. Tombstone very rudely cut, and of poor quality, like a field stone, in the Graveyard on the Rohhins' farm, (wherein all the other stones are relatively modern), about a mile beyond Cox's Corners, near Imlaystown, Monmouth Co., N. J.

5 RICHARD SALTAR, son of Richard Saltar, 1, was born, probably, in 1699, and became a prominent personage in his State.

1717, May. Richard Saltar, was a witness, in court, which may refer to his father.

1720, Nov. 22. Richard Saltar was foreman of the Grand Jury, which, however, may mean his father.

1724. Richard Saltar, Jr., was mentioned in a suit. Freehold Court Records.

1733, Mch. 6. Richard Saltar mortgaged lands to the Commissioners of the Loan Office, living in Upper Freehold, for £26–13–4.

1734, June 8. He again mortgaged to the Commissioners of the Loan Office, for £25, land amounting to three hundred acres, in Upper Freehold, bounded by Robt Imlay, James Tapscott, and land "late John Saltar's."

1744, 1745, 1746 and 1748. Richard Saltar was a Justice. Shrewsbury Town Poor Records.

1745. Gov. Lewis Morris recommended him for a seat in the Council.

1746. He was designated one of those who were to give orders for firing the beacon lights, on the Navesink Highlands, to indicate the approach of French cruisers.

1748. He was suggested, by Ferdinand John Paris, to fill the place of John Hamilton, the lately deceased President of the Council, and was endorsed for it by James Alexander, as a man of good understanding." He, soon thereafter, was appointed and filled the position until 1762, the date of his decease.

1754, Mch. 29. Judge Morris tendered his resignation and suggested Mr. Saltar as the best man for the succession, being "a man of good understanding and fortune, a firm friend to the government, and will act in that station with honor to himself, and justice to the public."

1754, May 2. He was Commissioned an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court.

1761. He was recommissioned by Gov. Hardy.

During the years 1749 to 1762, be was a Commissioner to buy lands, to make Indian treaties and to do other public work.

He resided, for awhile, in Trenton, as also, for a time, in Allentown. He likewise built a large, substantial house on Black Point, West of the Navesink River, near the place now called Seabright. Finally he settled in Nottingham, Burlington County, West Jersey, as appears from a deed, dated Dec. 18, 1761, in which be conveys the farm, upon which he dwells, consisting of seven bundred and two acres, bounded by the River Delaware, Isaac Watson's line, etc., with the houses, buildings, orchards, woods, etc., to Josepb, John and Lawrence Saltar, yeomen, of the same place. Tbe deed was signed by Richard Saltar, wbo was joined in the conveyance by his wife, Anne Saltar. Tbe witnesses were Thomas Saltar and Susannah Saltar.

Trenton Records, Lib. Y., p. 344.

Issue

42 Mary Johnson; married Joseph Ogden.
43 Elizabeth Johnson, married Mr. Jimmerson.

15 ELIZABETH SALTAR, daughter of John Saltar, 3, married John Shaw, by license dated Feb. 28, 1730–40. He then resided in Upper Freehold, N. J., but, Sept. 18, 1756, he was a resident of Burlington, N. J., when he became bondsman for William Stillwell, who was licensed to marry Catharine Knott, (not Mott). John Shaw was designated, Gentleman, and "Inn holder," "At the Sign of the Blue Anchor."

Elizabeth Saltar died July 22, 1770, and was buried the following day, at Burlington, N. J.

John Shaw died intestate, and letters of administration were granted, June 2, 1776, to John Shaw and Ellis Wright.

Issue

John Shaw
Mary Shaw; married, Oct. 20. 1768, James Sterling. She died, Apr. 19, 1785, aged 36 years; buried in St. Mary's Churchyard, Burlington, N. J.
Ann Shaw; married, October, 1776, Ellis Wright.

16 SARAH SALTAR, daughter of John Saltar, 3, was under eighteen years of age in 1728. She married Thomas Lowrie.

Issue

44 James Lowrie; died young.
45 William Lowrie; died young.
46 Lucy Lowrie; married Samuel Abbott.

17 LYDIA SALTAR, daughter of John Saltar, 3, married, Mch. 10, 1737; elsewhere Mch. 10, 1740, Richard Douglass, of Monmouth County, who died in 1782.

*Issue**

47 Richard Douglass
48 John Saltar Douglass
49 Sarah Douglass, of Bordentown, N. J.
50 Charles Douglass, of Bordentown, N. J.
51 Lydia Douglass, as appears from the will of Thomas Saltar, of Philadelphia County, who mentioned his "cousins," as follows:

"To my cousin, Richard Douglass, £100;
"To his sister, Lydia, £50;
"To his brother, John, £25;
"To his sister, Sarah, £25."

Thomas Saltar's Will, 1790, Philadelphia Records, Book U., p. 513.

1782, June 5. Administration upon the estate of Richard Douglass, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, was granted to John Saltar Douglass. Trenton Wills, Lib. 24, p. 72

1716. Thomas Douglass was named in a bond of John Saltar. The original paper was in the possession of James S. Crawford. Esq., Middletown, N. J., deceased.

18 MARY SALTAR, daughter of John Saltar, 3, married Moses Ogden.

*All as per Douglass Genealogy, 1879, p. 447.

19 JOHN LINCOLN, son of Mordecai Lincoln and HANNAH SALTAR, 4, went from New Jersey to Pennsylvania with his father, Mordecai.

In 1758, he was taxed at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa., and subsequently removed, with some of his neighbors, to Rockingham County, Va., while it was a portion of Augusta County; Rockingham County having been organized in 1779.

Issue

52 John Lincoln
53 Thomas Lincoln
54 Abraham Lincoln; went to Kentucky.
55 Isaac Lincoln; residing on the Watauga, near where Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee meet.
56 Jacob Lincoln

John Lincoln, 19, was the ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, through his son Abraham, who had a son, Thomas, the father of the President.

26 ABRAHAM LINCOLN was a posthumous child of Mordecai Lincoln and HANNAH SALTAR, 4, and was born 1735–6. He died 1806.

1752. He was taxed, at Exeter, on his estate.

He was a Member of the Colonial Assembly.

1782, 1783, 1784 and 1785. He was the Representative of Berks County, in the Assembly.

He married Ann, cousin of Daniel Boone, the pioneer.

He had a grandson, living, in 1883; at Birdsboro, Pa., who published several erroneous letters in Berks County newspapers.

28 JOSEPH SALTAR, son of Richard Saltar, 5, was another prominent member of the family.

1759. He was taxed in Shrewsbury, N. J., £5–4–7½.

1760. He resided at Shrewsbury, N. J., where he was an Overseer. Town Poor Records.

1767. Joseph Saltar, Esq., was a member of a Court, held in Monmouth County, in July of this year.

1768. He resided at Nottingham, Burlington County, N. J.

About 1770, he founded the celebrated Atsion iron furnace.

1775, Oct. 25. He was Lieutenant-Colonel, of the Second Regiment, Monmouth County Militia, which he resigned on this date.

1775. He was a Member of the New Jersey Provincial Congress in June and August of this year.

1777. He was imprisoned, in Burlington County jail, from April to October, of this year, by order of the Council of Safety, but no charge of disloyalty or other reason is assigned. It has been thought that some Quakerish influence of his second wife, Huldah Mott, might have been the cause of his withdrawal from active service, and thereby been the means of casting suspicion upon him.

1797. He is alluded to as Joseph Saltar, of Atsion works.

In 1805, he again resided in Shrewsbury, N. J.

"Joseph Salter my uncle died, 8 mo., 28, 1820, aged 88 years."
From the Bible of Mr. Asher Holmes, Wickatunk, N. J.

He married, first, Sally, daughter of Samuel Holmes. She was born Sept. 19, 1734, and died in 1757.

Richmond, N. Y., for £200, to guarantee the payment of £100 to be paid in one year. Witnesses A. Ryertz and John Salter. In the bond Daniel Salter is designated as "Innholder."*

Subsequent to this date, he removed to Bergen County, N. J., which then included Hudson County. Here he held the position of Deputy and then Acting-Sheriff of the County, under Sheriff Westervelt, who had become incapable.

He married, first, Miss Ellis (?); second, Patience Headdy or Hedden, of Morristown, N. J.; third, the widow Van Houton, the sister of Capt. Berry; fourth Miss . . . . .

Issue by first wife

95 John Salter
96 Ebenezer Salter
97 Daniel Salter
98 Richard Salter

Issue by second wife

99 William Salter
100 Amos Salter
101 Joseph Salter

By his third and fourth wives he had no issue.

Daniel Salter and his descendants, by accident or intent, reverted to the original way of spelling the name, *Salter* instead of *Saltar*.

39 ALICE SALTAR, supposed daughter of Ebenezer Saltar, 7, married James Lisk, of Staten Island, by license dated Aug. 16, 1757. It was signed by James and John Lisk, and James Reed, as bondsmen. With the exception of the last, who was of Perth Amboy, all were of Staten Island.

40 THOMAS SALTAR, supposed son of Ebenezer Saltar, 7.

About 1879, when I commenced to compile the Salter notes, which were shortly after published in the files of the Monmouth Democrat, Freehold, N. J., and which afterward were reissued in pamphlet form, I had no knowledge of certain children, since discovered, belonging to Richard Saltar, the First. Because of this, I was disposed, by an eliminative process, to attribute certain children to Ebenezer Saltar, who now I would be disposed to classify as descendants of Richard Saltar, the First, through unknown lines. Of these, Alice, Thomas and Elezar Saltar are instances.

In the will of Richard Saltar, 5, is mentioned "my nephew Thomas"; hence a grandson of Richard Saltar, the First.

The name Thomas, occurs in, and I may say is restricted to, the line of Ebenezer Saltar; hence the inference that he is a son of this individual. The nephew Thomas, that Richard Saltar alludes to, I think is, without doubt, Thomas Saltar, the opulent merchant, of Philadelphia, who died in 1790. Against this supposition is the fact that the sisters to whom he bequeathed his estate, and who likewise would be children of Ebenezer Saltar, are not, from any knowledge I possess, his issue, but the lack of my knowledge is so great that it would not warrant their exclusion.

1731, May 31. James Ashton and Elisha Lawrence, of Freehold, send greeting. Whereas Thomas Saltar, of Freehold, by deed of this date, gave twenty-five acres of land, lying in Freehold, to them, they do declare the same a trust for "the Society of People called Baptists."

*The original is now 1882, in the possession of Smith Salter, Esq., Forked River, N. J.

41 ELEZAR SALTAR, supposed son of Ebenezer Saltar, 7. Possibly this name is correct, but it suggests itself to me that an error has occurred in copying, and that it should be Ebenezer instead.

The name appears as a witness to the will of Elizabeth, widow of John Saltar, which was written 1728 and proved 1741.

Elezar Saltar is placed among the children of Ebenezer Saltar, merely because of the supposed similarity of names.

54 ABRAHAM LINCOLN, son of John Lincoln, 19, went to Kentucky, in 1782, where he was killed, by an Indian, in 1784, who in turn was shot and killed by Abraham's eldest son, Mordecai, a lad of fourteen years, who had been concealed behind a log and who picked up his father's gun.

He married Mary, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Rachael) Shipley, and her sister, Nancy Shipley, married Joseph Hanks. This last mentioned pair had a daughter, Nancy Hanks, who married her first cousin, Thomas Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, 54.

Issue

Thomas Lincoln; died, Jan. 17, 1851, in Cole Co., Ill., where he had resided twenty years. He married, first, Nancy Hanks, who died Oct. 5, 1818; second, Dec. 2, 1819, Sarah Bush, widow of Daniel Johnson. She was born Dec. 13, 1788.

Issue

Abraham Lincoln. President of the United States, an only son, who, in 1854, was of Springfield, aged forty-five, and had three children, the eldest of whom was eleven years of age. His wife was born and raised in Kentucky. He was born Feb. 12, 1809.

Mordecai Lincoln, born 1770; died, 1831–2, in Hancock County, Ill., whither he had recently removed from Kentucky with his children.

Josiah Lincoln; living, or dead, in 1854. He had lived on the Big Blue River, Hancock Co., Ind.

Mary Lincoln

Nancy Lincoln, born Feb. 10, 1807.

57 WILLIAM SALTAR, son of Joseph Saltar, 28, as appears in the will of his sister, Hannah, written in 1854, had one son, Joseph, a legatee in her will.

He married Sarah, daughter of Thomas and (Rachel Hartshorne) Robinson. Her mother, Rachel, upon the death of her husband, Thomas Robinson, married Joseph Saltar.

In 1796, William Saltar, with John Hartshorne, bought lands of Josiah Foster, in Gloucester County, N. J.

William Saltar moved to Utica, N. Y., where he was an officer in the branch of the U. S. Bank. In 1796, the condition of the Indians was so unsatisfactory that Joseph Saltar, 28, though advanced in years at this time, was, with others, appointed to attend to the lands assigned to them, etc.

In 1801, the Indians wishing to sell their lands and move to New Stockbridge, near Oneida Lake, William Saltar, William Stockton and Enoch Evans, were appointed Commissioners to sell their lands.

In 1802, William Saltar had resigned and another person occupied his place.

Issue

102 Joseph Saltar; residing in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1882; has a daughter.
103 Miss Saltar; married Mr. Mappie, Mappa or Mappa.

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Dear Mark,

When we met at the Home Office in August, I told you about the attach.

If after reading the enclosed pages and would like to have more information on the Salter family and Mordeacai Lincoln, please write to me.

The Monmouth County Historical Society might have many original documents which I might be able to get copies of for the foundation.

Sincere regards,

Dave

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This is an early photo of the Crestline House hotel. Is that Abraham Lincoln? SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lincoln has Crawford connection

Mordecai Lincoln was a blacksmith. He was born around 1790 in Berks Co., Pa., and died Aug. 3, 1865, in Crawford County.

He also was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln — well, second cousin, once removed, meaning his grandfather and the president's great-grandfather were brothers, maybe half brothers, which dilutes the blood relationship a bit.

Peggy Mershon
News Journal

Cousin Mordecai's name came up after a column we ran in November presenting the possibility that in 1859 Abe stopped and played billiards in Crestline while traveling by train to campaign appearances in Columbus and then Cincinnati. This still has to be proven, although the Crestline Historical Society has a photo that adds to the intrigue.

Joe Blum of the New Washington Historical Society responded to that column that rumor had it the candidate took that rather out-of-the-way route from Springfield, Ill., because he wanted to visit with a relative who lived nearby — Mordecai.

Lincoln left evidence he was interested in his family history but didn't know a lot about it, especially the paternal side. His grandfather, another Abraham, was killed by Indians in front of his young sons, leaving them without much information. He wrote that his father, Thomas, then 6 years old, "grew up literally without education."

On several occasions, President Lincoln referred to his uncle, another Mordecai, who saved his younger brother from the Indian attack, as his most important family influence and the only Lincoln relative he knew.

In a letter to a friend, he noted the Christian names such as Enoch, Levi, Mordecai, Solomon and Abraham seemed to repeat themselves in many Lincoln lines, but in the mid-1800s those lines had not yet been linked. Later, a president's lineage seldom lacks exhaustive research.

It was recorded the root of the Lincoln family tree in this country was Samuel, who emigrated in 1637 from England to Massachusetts. One of his sons was named Mordecai — he also was a blacksmith.

Some descendants migrated to New Jersey, then Pennsylvania where our Mordecai's ancestors stayed. The president's family kept traveling — to Virginia, then Kentucky, then Illinois.

Unlike his famous cousin, our Mordecai didn't leave a very deep footprint in local written history. He was lucky to earn one paragraph in a now rare book that included a history of Auburn Township, Crawford County: "Mordeica (sic) Lincoln — Cousin of Abraham Lincoln, soldier of the War of 1812. Died at Waynesburgh, Auburn Township in 1865. Interment in Goodwill Cemetery, Auburn Township.

This book, "Army of the Cumberland," was self-published 1899 in Tiro by Charles McConnell, and the largest part of it transcribes his brother William's Civil War diary. It also includes a short history of the McConnell family and very local history. It has been reprinted by the Mansfield Memorial Museum and available by contacting Scott Schaut, sschaut@richnet.net or 419-524- 9924.

I haven't been able to pinpoint when our Mordecai moved to Ohio. He apparently never married and therefore was not listed as a head of a household in the 1810-1830 censuses. He is listed in the 1835 federal pension records as a resident of Richland County, Ohio, and a veteran of the War of 1812, having served in the Third Regiment, U.S. Infantry, probably in Pennsylvania. No other military records have been found so far, except that Hill's 1880 History of Ashland County lists a Mordecai Lincoln as a War of 1812 veteran who once lived in that county.

The earliest census record is 1840 where a "Mordica" Lincoln, age 50-59, is living alone in Richland County. In the 1850 census, a Mordecai Lincoln, 70, was living in the household of William and Mary Tubbs, Plymouth Township, Richland County.

A December 1848 orphan's court petition in Fayette Co., Pa., lists John Lincoln's children, including Mordecai "of Richland County, Ohio."

He may have come west with his sister, Nancy Ann Lincoln, who was listed in this petition as also living in Richland County with her husband, James Ralston. A pedigree chart submitted to the Ohio Genealogical Society says that Nancy Ann was born in Uniontown, Pa., in 1802, married (probably in Richland County since James Ralston is listed as a resident here in 1814) in 1828 and died in Richland County in 1849. They had 10 children, but not all survived.

Mordecai pretty much stuck with the Ralstons. In 1830, James Ralston was living in Montgomery Township, Richland County, which would later be in Ashland County. He remarried and by 1850 was living in Plymouth also. He died in 1888 in Plymouth and is reportedly buried in Hanna Cemetery, Auburn Township, Crawford. But there is no record of where Nancy Ann is buried.

Going back to the original question of whether meeting with Mordecai and/or some of his Ralston relatives was an incentive for President Lincoln to make a stop in Crestline, there is some evidence that he was open, even eager, to hear about lost (at least to him) Lincoln relatives.

Among his papers is a copy of a letter written from Washington on April 2, 1848, while he was serving as a congressman, to a David Lincoln, who was his father's first cousin. The future president had all sorts of questions and ended with: "If it be not too much trouble to you, I shall be much pleased to hear from you again. Be assured I will call on you, should anything ever bring me near you."

Wouldn't it be great if one of many Lincoln scholars out there would find a similar letter to Mordecai Lincoln of Plymouth or Tiro?

No photograph of Mordecai has been found. As always, please contact me if you have any more information about this subject.

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L I N C O L N C H R O N O L O G Y

Samuel Lincoln — Hingham, Mass., 1637. Probably came from Hingham, England. Died May 26, 1690. Wife Martha-four sons, four daughters--eleven children, three died.

II^{I} Mortecai Lincoln — Third son. Born June 14, 1657. Married Sarah Jones. Blacksmith, ironworker. Five children. Died November 8, 1727.

I^{II} Mortecai Lincoln Jr. — Went to Monmouth, New Jersey, with brother Abraham. Married Hannah Salter, later married Mary Robeson.

II^{II} John Lincoln

I^{II} Abraham

I^{II} Thomas

I^{III} Abraham

I Robert T. Lincoln

With Robert T. Lincoln the male line of the president ends.

II^{II} Thomas Lincoln

I^{II} Hananiah--Sge., Lieut., and Capt. when 21 yrs. old

I^{II} Davis

I^{III} Hananiah

1. Addison Lincoln
   1. Arthur Lincoln
   2. Purd Lincoln
   3. Marvin Lincoln
      1. William
      2. Odell Ruth
   4. Russel Lincoln
      1.
      2.
   5. Erma Lincoln
   6.
   7. Sanford Lincoln
      1.
      2.

Thomas Lincoln

E. S. Lincoln

1. Calvert Lincoln
   1. Joseph Dean — 1 2 3 4
2. Merle Lincoln
   1. Catherine Layne
   2. Nancy Ann
3. Forrest Lincoln
   1. Robert Herbert
   2. James Edward
   3. Francis Jean
4. Earl Lincoln
   1. Jeffrey Thomas
   2. Rosemary
   3.
5. Lola Kallbreirer
   1. Robert
6. Genevieve Haynes
   1. Jo Ellen
   2. Thomas
7. Joyce Frenzel
   1. Linda Michael
   2. [illegible] Susan
   3. [illegible] Marcella
8. Ruth Clark
   1. David Charles
   2. [illegible]
9. Eleanor Ashby
   1. William Terry

? Edmund
Mary Jayne

Raymond [illegible]
Griffin [illegible]

14. HOME OF MORDECAI LINCOLN, Jr. Mordecai, Jr. 1686-1736, left his Massachussetts home as a young man and settled first in Monmouth County, northern New Jersy. Here he married and prospered. For b business reasons, he moved to Pennsylvania. The picture shows his home in the Township of Exeter, Berkes Co., Penn. It is cosily situated in a valley a mile north of the Schuykill River; east of Reading, j just off the main highway to Philadelphia. See TIF.pp.30-41.

BIRTHPLACE OF DANIEL BOONE. Mordecai, Jr. had intersting neighbors. A mile or so away, Daniel Boone was born 1735-1820, in the old homestead which the picture shows. TIF.p.38

THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD, ROCKINGHAM CO. VA. Mordecai, Jr's oldest son John, the ancestor of President Lincoln, was lured by the fame of the fertility of the Shenandoah Valley and moved south into Virginia, buying lands upon Linville Creek in Rockingham Co. Here he lived and died. Here lived, also his son, Abraham Lincol, the grandfather of the President, before he moved west to Kentucky, taking baby Thomas, the future father of the President with him. The house shown in the picture stands upon the Lincoln farm, not far from the site of the original home. It was built in 1800 by the only son of "Virginia John," who remained in the valley--Vol. Jacob Lincoln.

Exeter Pa.
Home of Mordecai
Lincoln II

Exeter, Pa.
Marker in front of house
of Mordecai Lincoln II

BUILT ABOUT 1733 BY
MORDECAI LINCOLN GREAT GRANDFATHER OF PRESIDENT
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BERKS CO.
1915

~~Virginia~~ (I think)

Pennsylvania

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

~~Virginia~~ (Ithmid)

Pennsylvania